

GOD CALLED SAMUEL

Bible Reference: 1 Samuel 3

Date: 6/14/26

Age: 2's/3's

2nd Service

Memory Verse:

“When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.” Psalm 56:3

Theme:

Trust God No
Matter What

Schedule

- Arrival/Attendance/Directed Play.....10:40-11:05
- Clean Up and Gather For Story.....11:05-11:10
- Bible Story.....11:10-11:25
- Craft/Coloring Page:.....11:25-11:35
- Friends from Afar.....11:35-11:45
- Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....11:45-11:55
- Snack Time at Tables.....11:55-12:05
- Free Choice Play.....12:05-12:15

Notes and Reminders

Happy June! We are praying for this last month of our ministry year to remain just as strong as the rest of our year! We are praying that you can take advantage of these last few weeks with your sweet class and continue sharing God's love with them!



OUTLINE



Arrival/Attendance/ Directed Play 10:40-11:05

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door. Set up the activities and introduce the children to the lesson through these activities. Encourage the kids to participate in both activities as they play together. You may need to ask the kids to come to the different areas so all of them have the opportunity to participate.

Come Here, Samuel!

- Have one child lay down and pretend to be asleep. Arrange the rest of the children in a group. Direct one child from the group to say "Come here, Samuel!" Encourage the 'sleeping' child to guess which friend's voice they heard. Continue playing until each child has a turn to pretend to be asleep.
- **SAY** What a fun game everyone! Was it hard to guess whose voice was talking to you? In our Bible story today, we are going to learn about a boy named Samuel who also couldn't tell who was talking to him when he was asleep.

Listening Circle

- Played like the telephone game, one shepherd can start a phrase or short sentence and whisper that into the first child's ear. Then that child will whisper what they heard into the next child's ear, and go around the circle until the last child whispers the sentence in the shepherd's ear and see if it matches what the shepherd started out whispering! Play again if time allows. Children will listen carefully in order to hear what to tell the next player in the circle!
- **SAY** What a silly saying! It is hard to listen to someone when you can't hear them very well isn't it? In today's Bible story, Samuel had to listen closely to know who to listen to! Let's listen carefully to our Bible story to learn more.

Clean Up and Gather for Story 11:05-11:10

Invite the children to begin cleaning up toys and putting away their activities at 9:10. Then remind them to meet at the carpet for Bible story time. Remind the children that we are going to do our best to be good listeners.





Bible Story

11:10-11:25

Welcome Song

- Welcome all the children by singing their welcome song
- (Tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
- First let's clap our hands like so
- Then reach down and touch our toes
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
 - You can call a group of children names to welcome them and they can stand up and wave if you'd like.

The words from today's story are written below. They are taken from pages 160-163 in the Beginner's Bible (2005/2016 edition). Feel free to use the printed images in your bin or the physical Bible in your room to tell the story.

A Voice in the Night (1 Samuel 3)

- When Samuel was a little boy, Hannah brought him to live at the tabernacle. She had promised God that Samuel would serve him all his life. The priest Eli would now take care of Samuel. He would teach Samuel about God.
- One night while Samuel was sleeping, he heard a voice say, "Samuel!" He ran to Eli and said, "Here I am." But Eli said, "I did not call you." Then Samuel went back to bed.
- Samuel heard a voice call his name two more times. Each time, Samuel ran to Eli. Finally, Eli told Samuel, "I think God is speaking to you. Next time, say, 'Yes, Lord, I am listening.'" Then Samuel went back to bed.
- "Samuel! Samuel!" the voice said again. This time, Samuel answered, "Yes, Lord, I am listening." From that moment on, Samuel gave messages to God's people. He was a special prophet of God.





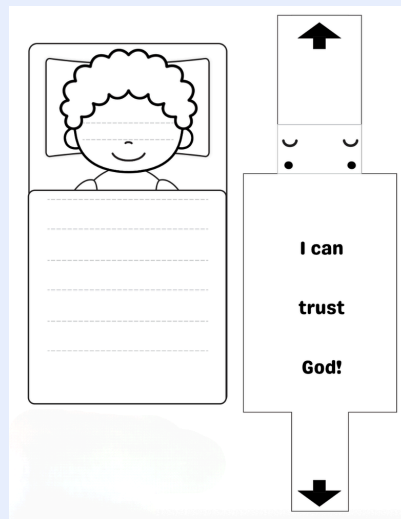
Craft/Coloring Page

11:25-11:35

After the story, have the children go to their tables and prepare for a craft to go along with the lesson. Our **BIG IDEA** of the week is: Trust God no matter what!

Give each child one of the Samuel craft pieces. Show the children how you can slide the arrows back and forth to open Samuel's eyes and reveal the words 'I can trust God!' Place crayons on the table and allow children to color and decorate their crafts. Help children practice moving their arrows to talk to their parents about today's story.

As children finish, distribute the coloring page with today's story on the back for children to continue coloring. Have the children place both the craft and coloring sheet in their bin when they are finished.



Friends from Afar

11:35-11:45

You will find today's activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.





Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer

11:45-11:55

There is a list of songs for today's lesson on the TV. Use the directions located with the remote to access them.

Prayer (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- Dear God, thank you for letting Samuel hear your voice and learn to trust you! Help us to follow the way you want us to go! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Memory Verse

- "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." Psalm 56:3
- Remind kids that our story today shows us how God helps His people! We can put our trust in Him to help us when we follow His plan and listen to Him.
 - When I- point to yourself
 - Am afraid- wrap your arms around yourself and shiver
 - I put my trust- lay your hands on your heart
 - in you- point to the sky with both hands
- This is the kids' second week learning this verse. Some children may remember the verse from last week, while others are learning it for the first time!

Snack Time at Tables

11:55-12:05

Prior to serving the snack have the children use hand sanitizer before choosing a seat at the table. Each child will have veggie straws on a napkin and a small cup of water. **NOTE:** some children with allergies will have their own snack or drink...parents usually remind shepherds of this at drop off. If a question, please contact Kid Min Staff in hallways. Thanks.

While the children are eating their snack, please read the read aloud book that is in the bin labeled Read Aloud book for snack time. Thanks.





Free Choice Play

12:05-12:15

Once the snack and read aloud are finished, the children may choose free play until their parents come to pick them up.

At dismissal, please make sure to check the child's tag number to match the parent's tag. Have the children take home any papers from their bin. Finally, check them off the attendance as being picked up (the last column for the date).

Thanks so much for shepherding the little ones this week. We appreciate you!





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The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

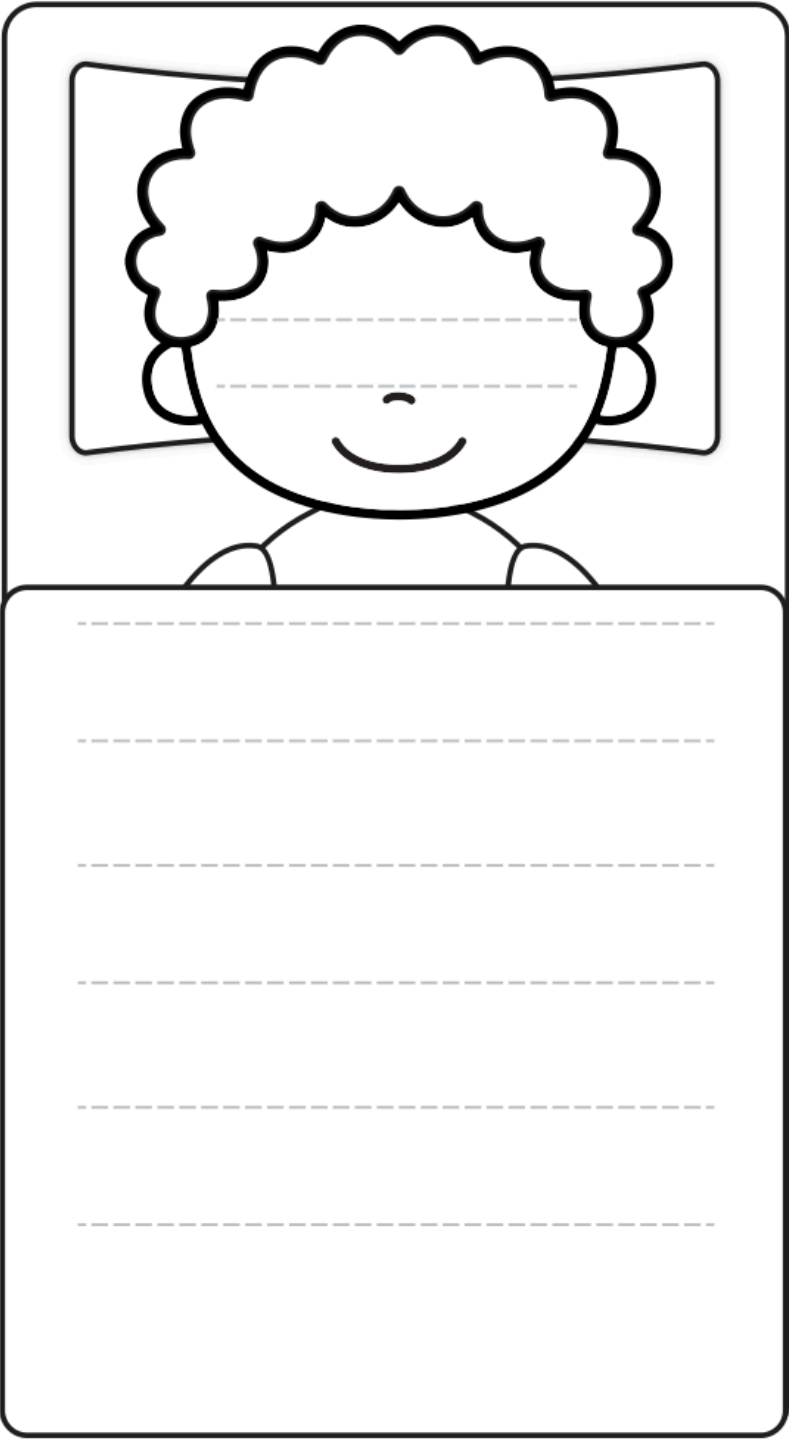
And the Lord said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle. At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons blasphemed God,^[a] and he failed to restrain them. Therefore I swore to the house of Eli, 'The guilt of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.'" Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the Lord. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, but Eli called him and said, "Samuel, my son."

Samuel answered, "Here I am."

"What was it he said to you?" Eli asked. "Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you." So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, "He is the Lord; let him do what is good in his eyes."

The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the Lord. The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.





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